

amendment filed Dec. 21, 1992, and to correct typographical errors not previously observed.

First, the letters "y" and "z" inserted on page 3 were an inadvertent duplication of letter usage, the letters "y" and "z" having been used originally at page 27, lines 31-35, for other meanings.

Second, the word "average" inserted in line 20 of page 3 may have been misleading, by suggesting that the value  $n$  is always greater for a  $P' + 1$  packet frame than for a  $P'$  packet frame. The preferred embodiment uses a fixed value  $n$ , for all frames -- see for example page 33, lines 10-13 of the instant specification, where  $n$ , is 384. Thus a frame having  $P' + 1$  packets allows use of a larger bit pool for the data reduction coding (see the article describing the MASCAM system, cited on page 6, line 14) so that if desired a greater accuracy of reproduction is possible for that frame. At the same time, the important result that the average frame rate equals  $F/n$ , is obtained.

#### Claims

Claims 29, 30 and 32 have been amended to correct inadvertent confusing use of the letter "B" which was inconsistent with usage on page 3, line 23; page 12, line 27; and Fig. 6 of the application as originally filed; to delete the word "average" previously inserted; and to make the claim clearer by adding reference to the quantities  $v$  and  $w$ .

As discussed above, those of ordinary skill in the art will understand that the value  $n$ , is preferably a fixed integer, so that the decoding process is simplified, and each frame is related to a same number of samples (duration of

reproduced information). At the same time, the invention is applicable to a system which allows the longer frame to carry information for more samples. The important result is that the average frame rate equals  $F_i/n_i$ .

Early favorable action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

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